

HOUSE BILL NO. 599

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR A PRESCRIBED, ORALLY ADMINISTERED ANTICANCER MEDICATION MUST BE PROVIDED ON A BASIS THAT IS NOT LESS FAVORABLE THAN THE COVERAGE FOR INTRAVENOUSLY ADMINISTERED OR INJECTED CANCER MEDICATIONS."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Required chemotherapy treatment. (1) A health benefit plan that provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment must provide coverage for a prescribed, orally administered anticancer medication used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells on a basis that is not less favorable than the coverage for intravenously administered or injected cancer medications that are covered as medical benefits.

(2) (a) As used in this section, "health benefit plan" means a hospital or medical policy or certificate providing for physical and mental health care issued by an insurance company, a fraternal benefit society, or a health service corporation or issued under a health maintenance organization subscriber contract.

(b) Health benefit plan does not include:

(i) accident-only, credit, dental, vision, specified disease, medicare supplement, long-term care, or disability income insurance;

(ii) coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance, workers' compensation insurance, or similar insurance; or

(iii) automobile medical payment insurance.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 33, chapter 22, and the provisions of Title 33, chapter 22, apply to [section 1].

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